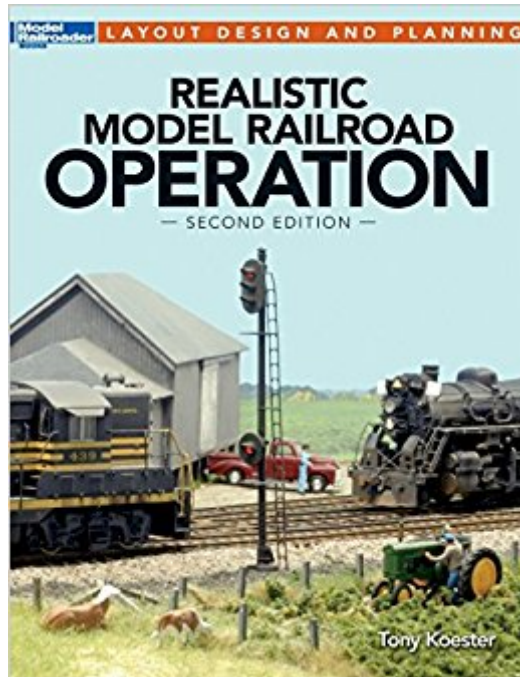




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# Realistic Model Railroad Operation (Layout Design And Planning)



## Synopsis

Respected expert Tony Koester teaches modelers how real railroads operate trains and how to apply those methods to their own model railroads in this extensively updated edition. Learning about timetable-and-train-order operation, as well as how cars are switched, how yards function, how signals work, and more, provides an added dimension of realism and fun for modelers, keeping the hobby fresh and exciting.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a thin, magazine sized paperback and I didn't expect much out of it. However, there's so much detail here, two weeks later I'm still working through it. While it's still more of an overview than a detailed manual, Koester packs in examples and enough text to give you a very good start on making your railroad operational. There's a very little bit to discuss solo operations, but this is targeted mostly at the norm of group operations. There's a lot inside of a thin book, but make no mistake about it, this is still an overview and a jumping off point. Don't expect this to be everything there is about operations. It's 96 pages with photos and diagrams, it's more advice and less a recipe book or operation manual. You'll still need to do some research into your prototypes to get full realistic operation, but at least this helps you figure out the questions you need to ask and some advice on solving the problems of adapting real life activities to a model.

This book is not for the faint-hearted. It could easily put some to sleep. That being said ... If you want to model actual operations like they did on the real railroads then this is the book for you! Tony steps you through different ways of operation on the real railroads and how to apply those things to the model railroad. One good example is using hand signals between switch men, conductor and engineer in the yard. None of us have room to swing a lantern as they do on the real railroads, but Tony shows how to mimic those lantern movements with hand and finger gestures that won't have you swinging your arms around wildly knocking over scenery in the process. If you want to model operations on your model railroad this is the must-have book on the subject!

well written good book.

Excellent book. The author does a great job of explaining the concepts of realistic operation. I would buy it again.

A must book if you are doing operations. It has all the golden nuggets in you need.

Another in a series of How to Books Presented by Model Railroader and Kalmbach!!!! This gives you an idea about how model railroad ops are supposed to work!

Great!!

The book was exactly what I anticipated. Much of the material had been previously published in Model Railroader magazine, but it is nice to have it all in one handy volume.

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